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| In re application of: Snyder et al.  | Group No. 1611        |
| Application No.: 10/821,745  | Examiner: Ghali, Isis |
| Filed: April 9, 2004   | Conf. 1863            |
| For: SUSTAINED RELEASE SURGICAL DEVICE AND METHOD OF MAKING AND USING THE SAME |                       |

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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action mailed April 1, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following remarks.